

R-10-05

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE
OF THE DOWNTOWN POST OFFICE BUILDING BY THE
WILLIAM F. LAMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock, along with the Argenta Community, takes great pride in its historic buildings that continue to function as an integral part of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Post Office was placed on the National Historic Register in 1982 as an historic example of classical revival architecture and a reflection of its role as an anchor in the Argenta Community for over seventy years; and

WHEREAS, current plans by the United States Postal Service call for the closure of its downtown North Little Rock Post Office and placing the building up for sale sometime in the third quarter of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the William F. Laman Public Library ("the Library") has been in discussions with the U. S. Postal Service regarding the possibility of purchasing the Downtown Post Office, which would be renovated, thus enabling relocation of the Argenta Branch Library to the Post Office Building and allowing expansion of all library programs, including programming for children, exhibit space and community meeting rooms; and

WHEREAS, deliberations have also included the possibility of a partnership with the U. S. Postal Service whereby the Library would maintain up to 500 postal boxes and sell stamps and other postal materials, thereby continuing the offering of postal services in the historic downtown Argenta Community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the City of North Little Rock hereby proclaims its support of the William F. Laman Public Library in its efforts to obtain the Downtown Post Office building from the U. S. Postal Service.

SECTION 2: That the City of North Little Rock endorses the Library's plan to partner with the Postal Service for providing postal boxes and selling stamps and other postal materials at the downtown location.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Patrick H. Hays

SPONSORS:

ATTEST:

Charlie Hight
Alderman Charlie Hight

Linda Robinson
Alderman Linda Robinson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

C. Jason Carter
C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

FILED 11:58 A.M. _____ P.M.

BY City Atty Carter

DATE 1-5-10

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk and Collector
North Little Rock, Arkansas

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